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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 23 references that are of record in U.S. patent application No. 10/020,507, filed December 11, 2001, which is the parent of this Divisional application, and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of the references are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d). Identification herein is not an admission that any of the foregoing are prior art to the above captioned application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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	21	WO 02-058599	08/01/02	PCT				
	22	WO 01/45577	06/28/01	PCT				

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